

# Small Group Discussion

## Week 19



### Chapter 19 – Jesus the Messiah

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

You're in the final stretch of the Bible overview as we begin the first chapter on the New Testament. We hope and pray that you are feeling encouraged as you look back over the previous week and see how the Lord has used you to bring greater understanding of the Biblical narrative to the minds and lives of your group members. As the end of our study draws near, continue to observe and identify people in your group who show the potential and character to eventually become leaders themselves. While God has equipped all believers to be disciples, He has not determined for everyone in your group to be leaders, and that's ok! Everyone has their own place and role in the body (as we'll learn more about in chapter 4). As you continue to identify those who exhibit leadership qualities and potential, consider giving them more opportunities to lead over these closing weeks. Look for ways that you can encourage, equip and come alongside those individuals to eventually lead others as well. God has called us to make disciples who go and make disciples as well, and you as the leader can model this to your group through your intentional investment in those who show leadership potential.

#### How HIS-story becomes My Story:

**GOD'S STORY** - God sends His Son Jesus, the 2nd person of the Trinity, as the central piece of His plan of redemption.

**OUR STORY** - We are able to be reconciled to God and can be in relationship with Him because of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection.

**MY STORY** - My response is to receive the Gospel and repent from my old way of living.

#### Starting the Conversation:

Begin your group by asking your group members, "Has your view of who Jesus is changed as a result of your study and reading this week?"

#### Additional Recommended Resources:

- "Did Jesus Claim to be God?" – By: Hank Hanegraaff, of The Christian Research Institute
- "How Can Jesus be God and Man?" – By: Matt Perman on DesiringGod.org

## **Life Group Questions**

1. Read Mark 1 Consider what it must have been like to have seen Jesus say and do these things. What stands out to you from reading this description of Jesus?
2. What are some of the answers people in our culture give to Jesus's question "Who do you say that I am?" Why are these answers inadequate?
3. Why is it important to understand that Jesus was fully human? How should this reality shape the way you think and speak about Him?
4. Why is it important to understand that Jesus was more than a man—that He was, in fact, divine? How should this reality shape the way you think and speak about Him?
5. Why is it important to recognize that Jesus was fulfilling the promises and prophecies made in the Old Testament?
6. Based on what you studied in the session on the kingdom of God in the Old Testament, why is Jesus's proclamation of the kingdom of God important?
7. How should the concept of the kingdom of God and the reality of Jesus as the King affect your daily life now?
8. Carefully read Ephesians 2:1–10 and Colossians 2:13–15. What do these passages say about the significance of Jesus's death and resurrection?
9. According to these passages, how should we relate to Jesus?

### **Prayer Assignment:**

Pray that God would take the truths you have been thinking through and use them to affect your heart. Ask God to help you respond to Jesus appropriately—whether you have never considered Jesus's call to follow Him or you have been walking with Jesus for many years.